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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF A DRAFT  
PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

**PROJECT TITLE: SUGGESTED CONTROL MEASURE FOR  
ARCHITECTURAL COATINGS**

The Air Resources Board (ARB), in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is the Lead Agency and has prepared a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified above. The Draft Program EIR includes the project's description, location, and an analysis of the potential environmental impacts that could be generated by the proposed project.

The purpose of this letter and the attached Notice of Completion (NOC) is to alert public agencies and the public of the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Program EIR. This letter and NOC do not require a response from you. Their purpose is simply to provide information to you on the above project. If the proposed project has no bearing on you or your organization, or if you do not wish to receive or comment on the Draft Program EIR, no action on your part is necessary.

The proposed project is essentially a model rule (i.e., a Suggested Control Measure) which is designed to be considered for adoption by the local air pollution control and air quality management districts (districts) in California. Under California law, the districts have the primary legal authority for adopting control measures for architectural coatings. The approval of the Suggested Control Measure (SCM) by the ARB would not impose binding requirements on the districts or on any other person. Binding requirements would only be imposed if one or more districts adopt the SCM as a district rule, which would then apply to affected persons within the jurisdiction of each district. A description of the proposed SCM can be found in the attached NOC.

**Please note that if you wish to submit comments on the Draft Program EIR, they must be submitted to the ARB no later than 5 p.m. on April 7, 2000. Please send any comments on the Draft Program EIR to Mr. Jim Nyarady, Manager, Strategy Evaluation Section, Stationary Source Division, at the address shown above, or send comments by FAX to (916) 322-6088. Mr. Nyarady's telephone number is (916) 322-8273. Alternatively, comments may be sent via the Internet to [jnyarady@arb.ca.gov](mailto:jnyarady@arb.ca.gov). In your comments, please include your name and phone number or the name and phone number of the contact person for your agency. Copies of the NOC, the proposed SCM, and the Draft Program EIR may be obtained by: (1) accessing the ARB's Internet site at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/arch/recent.htm>, or (2) visiting the ARB's Public Information Office at the address shown above, or (3) calling the ARB's Public Information Office at (916) 322-2990.**

**Date:** 2-11-00

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Peter D. Venturini

**Title:** Chief, Stationary Source Division

**Reference:** Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15085, 15087

California Environmental Protection Agency

**AIR RESOURCES BOARD**  
**2020 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814**

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION**

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**Project Title:**

Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a Suggested Control Measure for Architectural Coatings

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**Project Location:**

The Suggested Control Measure (SCM) is designed as a model rule to be considered for adoption by the local air pollution control and air quality management districts (districts) throughout the state of California. There are 35 individual districts in California. If a district decides to adopt the SCM in the future, the district's version of the SCM would apply to affected persons within the geographical boundaries of that district.

**Description of the Project:**

*The proposed project is designed to reduce volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from architectural coatings. The proposed SCM sets allowable VOC content limits for a number of architectural coating categories, including categories such as flats, non-flats, industrial maintenance coatings, lacquers, floor coatings, stains, rust preventative coatings, quick-dry enamels, "primers, sealers, and undercoaters," etc. The proposed VOC limits have effective dates of January 1, 2004, for industrial maintenance coatings and January 1, 2003, for all other coating categories. Other components of the proposed SCM include a three-year "sell-through" provision (for coatings manufactured before the applicable effective dates), definitions, test methods, standards for painting practices and thinning of coatings, and container labeling and reporting requirements. The Draft Program EIR concludes that no significant adverse environmental effects would result from the proposed project.*

**Lead Agency:**

Air Resources Board (ARB)

**Division:**

Stationary Source Division

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**Draft Program EIR and all supporting documentation is available at:**

ARB Public Information Office (916) 322-2990  
2020 L Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**or by calling:**

**The Draft Program EIR is also available on the ARB's Internet site at:**

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**Draft Program EIR Review and Comment Period:**

February 22, 2000, to April 7, 2000

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**Scheduled Public Meeting Dates (subject to change):**

ARB Board Hearing Room  
2020 L Street, Sacramento, CA

May 25, 2000, 9:30 a.m.

*The proposed SCM is scheduled to be considered by the ARB at a two-day meeting, at the address shown above, which will commence at 9:30 a.m., May 25, 2000, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., May 26, 2000. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before May 25, 2000, to determine the day on which this item will be considered, and to confirm the location of the meeting.*

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